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Renovations Set The Stage For Grease

By Carrie E. Bauer
News Editor

The days of high-water jeans, poodle skirts, and patent leathers are back for ten sold-out shows at Northern Kentucky University.

If you're one of the lucky ones who got their tickets in advance for the Theatre department's production of Grease, running Feb. 25 to March 2, your eyes and ears will thank you. Opening night of Grease was a gala event. Celebrity Nick Clooney mingled with guests at the black-tie dinner, and later emceed the rededication of the newly-renovated Main Stage Theater as the new Patricia Corbett Theater.

NKU's Theatre department keeps the glitz going. From the cut-out figures of 50's icons such as James Dean and Marilyn Monroe to the shiny 45's hanging from the ceiling, director Mike King kept the set simple but befitting of the sock-hop, hand-jiving generation.

The cast of reds, cheerleaders, Pink Ladies and T-Birds swing and bob in their makeshift Rydell High setting to favorite oldies like "We Go Together" and "Grease Lightning." Unlike the movie version we all know and love, the play features a few songs that never made into the movie, "Freddie My Love," "Mooning" and "Alone At A Drive In Movie" will be refreshing to those who have heard "Summer Nights" thousands of times.

Music for the song and dance numbers were provided by an orchestra that although was meant as an accompaniment to the singing, at times it was intrusive and overpowerful, making listeners strain to hear the singing over it. But don't worry players, Kenickie informs us that problem has been fixed.

Jason Miller does an excellent and entertaining job of portraying the



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GREASE LIGHTNING: (Above) Cast members sit outside the halls of Corbett Theatre as they wait for their turn to become stars. (Below) Director of Grease, Mike King, President Jack Moreland, Patricia Corbett, Corbett of Regent Chair, Jim Poston, and Master of Ceremonies, Nick Clooney gather for one last pose before the cast of Grease took over.

tough, but girl-crazy T-Bird leader Danny Zuko. Other standout performances include the hilarious portrayal of Jan by Lori Cobb, the tough act of Rizzo by Jamie Day, and the comedic, energetic performance of Dan Cooley as Rizzo's boy-toy, Kenickie.

Another difference players will notice is that sweet Sandra Dee is not so sweet in the play. Melissa Reizer's Sandy is a little less sweet and a lot more sour. Reizer's Sandy possesses more spunk and attitude than most of us associate with her character.

Combine the great acting, fitting scenery and electric song and dance and you have an entertaining, exciting show that everyone who didn't procrastinate in getting their tickets should enjoy.

Speech Team Takes Fifth In State Competition

Staff Report

The Northern Kentucky Speech Team traveled to Morehead State University last weekend to take fifth place at the Kentucky State Tournament.

"I am very proud of the team," Forensics Director Durell Hamm said. "State is always the toughest competition but they proved they can compete with the best."

Senior Mike Horelein placed seventh in Rhetorical Criticism and After Dinner Speaking. Freshman Jessica Rohrkasse took sixth in Informative Speaking. Freshman Sarah Kyle took seventh in Dramatic Interpretation and fifth in Informative Speaking. Senior Gina Holt placed eighth in Impromptu Speaking.

Team members Todd Adkins, Jake Gabbard, John Nelson and Michelle French contributed to the teams success.

Team members Jill Grimm and Liz Dixon were unable to attend the tournament due to illness. "I was disappointed that I couldn't be there but am very excited that they did so well," Dixon said.

Grimm said she was also disappointed to miss state competition but is looking forward to the next two tournaments.

The Georgetown/NKU swing at Georgetown is February 28 through March 2.

"I know we will do well and once again make ourselves proud," Grimm said.

The last scheduled tournament

of the year is the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament at NKU. The NKU speech team is very excited to have been selected by the National Council to host the tournament, Hamm said.

The team is expecting to have approximately 1,000 to 1,500 people on campus.

The tournament will take place over four days during Spring Break. It will kick off on Wednesday, March 19 with conferences and a welcoming ceremony at Drawbridge Estates.

Interim President Jack Moreland will give a welcoming speech. Competition will occur on March 20 through the 22.

NKU graduate and president of Pi Kappa Delta, Lisa Washnock, said she is looking forward to the National Tournament for two reasons. "One, it is a great honor for NKU to be chosen to host the tournament and two it will give the school and the team the proper publicity it deserves," she said.

"State is always the toughest competition but they proved they can compete with the best."

-Durell Hamm



A Trio Of Programs Sparks Interest In College

By Max Patton
Assistant News Editor

A celebration was held Wednesday by Northern Kentucky University in honor of National TRIO Day.

NKU TRIO Day gave the programs of TRIO a chance to acknowledge the achievements of some of TRIO's staff and participants.

"It went really well," said Eric Brose, director of Educational Talent Search.

There weren't quite as many students as expected, but interest displayed by faculty members was pleasing and greatly appreciated, Susan Mospens, director of Student Support Services, said.

TRIO was originally developed by congress in 1965. It is a group of federally funded programs. Specifically, these programs are funded by the department of education.

"We're held very accountable for how we use our funds," Mospens said.

Today TRIO consists of five different programs, however, in 1965 it was made up of three and the name TRIO has stuck. The three original programs are Talent Search, Upward Bound and Student Support Services. All three are designed to help students prepare for and stay in college.

Eligibility is determined by family income and on whether the potential participant is a first generation student.

The Educational Talent Search was established at NKU in 1977. It is designed for students age 11 and above. It attempts to provide sup-

port to participants by helping them continue in and graduate from secondary schools. It also prepares students for post-secondary education. It achieves these goals through such activities as field trips to colleges, counseling services, college entrance testing workshops and financial aid information and assistance.

Upward Bound was established at NKU in 1989. It serves as a college preparatory program for those between the ages of 13 and 19 years of age who are in high school. Upward Bound provides such services as its Bridge program where students have their first college semester hosted by Upward Bound.

Upward Bound claims a 100 percent graduation rate from its students. Over 2/3 of its graduates have maintained a 3.0 G.P.A. or better during their Bridge summer, and ninety percent of Upward Bound's students have enrolled in college the following for the past three years.

The objective of Student Support Services is to help college students who are underprepared for post-secondary education. Its participants are given tools that increase their chances of staying in college.

Mospens said. Ninety percent of the new SSS participants were retained from fall to spring last year. This can be compared to the general university retention average of under 65 percent.

Those interested in more information on TRIO can contact the programs via the following numbers: 572-5139 (Educational Talent Search), 572-5584 (Upward Bound), or 572-5138 (Student Support Services).

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

Mark the calendar, there are three dates where staff, faculty and students can meet and talk with the potential President of Northern Kentucky University.

The Presidential Search Committee has narrowed its choice to three candidates and they will be visiting NKU's campus March 10, 12 and 14.

Each candidate will be walking, talking and meeting with anyone on campus who would like to meet the candidate, said Bob Zapp, head of the Presidential Search Committee.

Zapp said it is most important for everyone to get involved with this phase of the search because the committee has made its choice of three, and one of them will become the President of NKU.

"I think that the president sets the tone that goes on campus," he said.

"We really want to offer an opportunity to allow everyone to get to know each candidate, one at a time."

One of the most important qualities that this new president must possess, Zapp said, was that the person be student-friendly.

"Top criteria, from day 1, was how involved they were with the students

in the past," Zapp said. "All three have been heavily involved with students, whether it be teaching, counseling... the student issue was the most important."

Exclusion of the faculty and staff is not intentional nor appropriate, Zapp said. Each group- faculty, staff and students' input on the questionnaire passed out at the open meeting will be critical in deciding who the next president will be.

"The Board of Regents wanted feedback. Each group's input will be looked at quite seriously," Zapp said. "The input from each group is legitimate. If there is a consistent number of people who have questions or misgivings about one candidate, the Board of Regents will seriously look over that candidate before choosing."

The meetings, scheduled at noon on March 10, 12 and 14, for students in the University Center Ballroom will include free lunch for those in attendance.

In order to accommodate evening classes/late shift employees, another time to meet with each candidate is scheduled for those same dates at 4:35 in 506 Administrative Center.

The Board of Regents will meet in March to make a decision, and Zapp said hopefully NKU will know who the next president will be by April.

Safety First In Residence Halls

By Margie Wise
Staff Reporter

After midnight most nights Northern Kentucky University's Department of Public Safety can be found patrolling the residential halls.

Kim Vance, director of residential life, said "They are just there to be proactive. They're making sure doors aren't propped open and checking for fire hazards."

Vance also said that residential life had been working with DPS to patrol the residential areas, to make sure students feel safe.

Pamela Cleary, a student at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, was murdered in her dorm room in

1990. Because of this, her parents spearheaded "The Cleary Act" which requires colleges in the United States to report all crimes (and all efforts to prevent them) to the government, said Fred Otto, director of public safety.

Otto said many students and staff have expressed the feeling that they feel safer with us back there.

"A lot of women have complained that there are not enough officers around the halls," he said.

There is no specific reason why the residence halls are being patrolled, crime is not the cause, Vance said, it's just precautionary. "Nobody came up to me and said 'we don't feel safe'. We are just trying to avoid that circumstance," said Vance.

Crystal Irving, a sophomore accounting major said that DPS had been hanging on someone's door in her hall after midnight one Wednesday.

"I feel threatened and violated," Irving said.

"I think it's sad that they are punishing us all for what a few people may have done," said Scott Childers, a freshman pre-management major.

Otto said that there is no ongoing investigation at this time, DPS is just responding to students requests, and patrolling residential village to keep the area safe.

"Most of what we're doing is trying to be proactive, and stop crime before it happens," he said.



Anna Weaver/The Northern
BOOKEM DANO: Officer Mike Puckett patrols the residence halls on his bike.

Chance To Say Goodbye

Staff Report

The Northern Kentucky University community will have a chance to say its last goodbyes to a special friend.

Nancy James Boothe died earlier this month from complications involved with multiple sclerosis. On Friday, February 28 a memorial service is scheduled at 2 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

A second memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the Hyde

Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Avenue.

Everyone is invited to attend. Donations can be made to either the Nancy James Boothe Scholarship Fund/Administration Center 502B, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41099, or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, South West and Northern Kentucky Chapter, 4460 Lake Forrest Drive, Suite 236, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242-3755

3 Seniors 3 Milestones ONE WEEK

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

The final home game of the season is generally reserved to honor seniors. This year the seniors of the men's and women's basketball teams at Northern Kentucky University used the final two games of the season to make their marks.

Three of the five seniors from both teams (three men and two women) achieved milestones last week's games against St. Joseph's College and Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne at Regents Hall. Women's player Dana Morningstar went over the 1,000-point mark for her career in NKU's victory over SJC on Thursday.

LaRon Moore and Shannon Minor achieved their marks on Senior Day on Saturday. Moore recorded his fourth rebound of the night and 813th of his career which gives him the all-time NKU record. Minor recorded his 500th assist of his career when he passed to senior Paul Cluxton for a three-pointer.

Morningstar became the 15th player in NKU women's history to reach the 1,000-point mark for a career. It was not an easy road for her. It was never certain that she would reach the plateau, because of the injuries she has had to deal with throughout her career at NKU.

"She's in the athletic trainer's Hall of Fame, I think," head coach Nancy Winstel said.

During the first game of her sophomore season Morningstar tore her anterior cruciate ligament. The injury forced her to redshirt that season. It wasn't certain that she would return from that injury.

A thumb injury earlier this season threatened to end her bid to join the 1,000-point club, as well. When she went down with the thumb injury, Morningstar was only 27 points shy of reaching 1,000 points.

She was able to come back after only four weeks, when it was projected that she would be out up to eight weeks.

Morningstar did not let her injuries get her down and she wasn't going to let one of them end her career prematurely.

"I'm going to go out like that," she said.

She scored 12 points in each of her first two games back, to set the stage for Thursday night. She entered the game needing only three points.

She scored her third and fourth points of the game just five minutes into the game on a baseline, five-foot jumper.

Play was stopped briefly for a ceremony in which Winstel presented her with the game ball and gave Morningstar a hug.

Morningstar said she did not

expect play to be stopped, but she did appreciate it.

"That was so neat," she said. "I will always remember that."

"I'm glad it meant a lot to Dana. It was a thrill for me to be able to do it," Winstel said.

"It's a tradition that our women's basketball program has done ever since I've been here."

Winstel fought back tears as she reflected on Morningstar's career at NKU.

"We've been there for each other for five years," Winstel said.

"Nothing that Dana does does surprise me. She's just a high achiever."

"Everything she does, she does 100 percent. She doesn't half-way do things, and in her career she did not do it half-way."

As for the significance of reaching 1,000 points, Morningstar said it is very significant.

"A thousand points sounds a whole lot better than 999."

Morningstar said, "It's something I can always say, 'I scored 1,000 points in college,' and that is an accomplishment."

LaRon Moore—Moore claimed he was not a big rebounder in high school even though he

averaged nine rebounds per game in his senior year at Bryan Station High School in Lexington, Ky.

"I'm still not a big rebounder," Moore further claimed.

He is, however, a big enough rebounder to be the career leader in NKU men's basketball history. He is also a big enough rebounder to average 7.1 rpg for his career.

Moore said he wasn't really interested in breaking records when he came to NKU. "When I came here I wanted to make an impression," he said.

In men's head coach Ken Shields' eyes, Moore, along with the other two seniors, Minor and Cluxton, has made a huge impression—not only on the basketball court—but on the university as a whole.

"The three seniors have really had an effect on this university, like no class ever has affected it, by what they have accomplished," Shields said.

Shields said of Moore specifically, "He's the ultimate athlete. He's quick, he's a leaper, he can slash, he can score inside and do so many things."

Moore passed Steve Jesse (1980-84) for the career lead when he pulled down his fourth rebound in the middle of the second half against IPFW. Jesse pulled down 812 rebounds during his career.

He entered the week needing 14 to eclipse the mark. He picked up 10 in NKU's 102-66 win over SJC on Thursday.

Moore said that it was special for him to break the record on Senior Day because his family

was there to see him.

"That topped it off," he said. Shannon Minor—

Minor said that he was hoping that he could get 500 assists during his career when he passed Craig Witholt (1989-93) for the all-time NKU assist lead. Witholt had 420.

That hope became a reality Saturday afternoon, but it didn't come easy. Minor finished the first half of the IPFW game without an assist. Since he needed four to get to 500, he wasn't sure if he would be able to get it.

In the second half, as NKU started to pull away, Minor and his teammates started to try harder to get those four assists.

"Clux was trying his hardest. He forced a couple of them for me," Minor said.

"When it got towards the end, and no one was getting it, I wouldn't have cared if Coach Shields got it," he said.

Minor said he didn't want to get the mark on the road. He wanted to get it at Regents Hall where the home crowd could witness it. He said it was more special in front of the people that had supported him for the last four years.

Shields

described Minor as "a true gym rat if I ever saw one."

He added that he is a solid all-around player who can penetrate, dish, shoot the three-point and free throws well.

"He's the quickest player I've ever coached," Shields said.

Two of Minor's assists were of the alley-oop variety, which he is now famous for.

The first came off an in-bounds play to junior guard Demond Lane. The second was to junior Cliff Clinton.

Fittingly, since it was Senior Day, Minor's 500th assist was to fellow senior Paul Cluxton with about a minute and a half left in the game.

"If anyone could throw it in for me it would have been great. It just happened to be Paul, which made it that much more enjoyable," Minor said.

Cluxton Is Inching Closer To His Own Milestones

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Paul Cluxton has his own school records, but he is on the verge of setting some national records. Records that may never be broken.

Cluxton has already hit more three pointers than any other player in Northern Kentucky University history (284). That is 46 more than Ryan Schrand (1991-95).

He, along with the two other seniors, Shannon Minor and LaRon Moore, has played in more games (115) than any other player in school history.

Cluxton set the mark for highest three-point field goal percentage in a season, last year, at 53.5 percent.

He established the highest free throw percentage in a season last year with 92.6 percent and he is on his way to shattering his own record this year. He has now more than doubled Schrand's record for most consecutive free throws. He is 69-of-69 this year. Schrand hit 34 straight in 1991-92.

Cluxton's free throw accuracy could put him in the national record books for a long time. He is on pace to break the season free throw accuracy record and could be the first player ever to hit all of his free throws in a season. He can also break the record for most consecutive free throws in a season. His 69 in a row are only five shy of the NCAA record.

Cluxton is also on pace to break the all-time career record for free throw accuracy in his career. He currently has a 92.9 percentage (247-266).

It's mind boggling to me, what he's in the middle of accomplishing," head coach Ken Shields said.

"The key is, he is in pursuance of some records, which are very achievable, but that could make me the greatest free throw shooter that ever played basketball in (NCAA) Division I, II or III."

Cluxton's biggest problem in breaking these records, right now, is not his ability, but his trouble getting to the line. He has made all of his 69 attempts this year. He needs to average 2.5 makes per game. He has 2.46.

"I try and take the ball to the hole," Cluxton said. "They won't foul me."

Minor, Moore And Cluxton Make Senior Day Just That

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

Saturday was a busy day at Regents Hall.

A 12-year-old rebounding record fell, a Norse basketball player reached 500 assists for the first time ever, and about 100 Lynchburg, Ohio natives clamored to see their local hero continue his streak.

They also saw the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team beat the Mastodons of Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne 95-68 in NKU's final regular-season home game.

It was an emotional afternoon from the start. Before the game, NKU honored three of its most productive players of all time.

Senior LaRon Moore, Shannon Minor, and Paul Cluxton each received a standing ovation from the crowd of nearly 1,700 people as head coach Ken Shields quietly wept.

It was probably the last time they would play at Regents Hall.

"They've been the key. They've been the engine as far as our team making that major turnaround," Shields said.

"To see him cry like that, before a game, really meant a lot to us and we know he loves us," Minor said.

"We've always known that, but it just showed today."

The Norse started strong, jumping out to an 18-5 lead.

Moore, Cluxton, and Minor combined for 17 of NKU's first 18

points.

The Mastodons kept within striking distance for a while, but by halftime, the Norse had built a 48-29 lead.

NKU spent most of the second half trying to achieve personal records.

Moore entered the game with 809 career rebounds. He needed only four to surpass Steve Jesse as NKU's all-time leader.

With 9:58 left in the game, he broke the record. Moore finished with six rebounds, and is now NKU's all-time leading rebounder with 815.

"Records are hard to be broken, and I never thought when I came in here as a senior out of high school that I'd break the record," Moore said.

With the rebounding record out of the way, the Norse turned their attention to Shannon Minor. He needed only four assists to become the first NKU player ever to record 500.

Early on, it didn't look like it was going to happen.

"I didn't think I was going to get them, but I'm glad I got them out of the way," Minor said.

"It was never a goal of mine until this year...and hopefully, it won't be touched for a while," he said.

"I was trying to get Shannon his 500 assists, so I was jacking them up for him, but I couldn't get it in until about the tenth one," Cluxton said. "But he got it done, and it was a good time."

Cluxton is trying to become what Shields called "the best free-throw shooter in the history of the game."

Cluxton hasn't missed a free throw all season in 69 attempts.

To put that into perspective, Cluxton has missed only 19 free throws in four years at NKU. On Saturday, alone, junior Cliff Clinton missed nine.

Clinton made up for it, however, pulling down a game-high 10 rebounds and leading the Norse with 18 points.

Cluxton and Moore both added 16, and Minor added 14 to lead the Norse to a 95-68 victory.

IPFW junior Kyle Kirby led all scorers with 22.

NKU, (15-3 GLVC, 25-3 overall), has two big road games this week.

On Thursday, they play Southern

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TO THE RESCUE!

Illinois University-Edwardsville. On Saturday, they travel to the University of Southern Indiana.

"I'm gonna call (USI head coach Bruce Pearl) before we go up there and see if he can give me a couple of extra free throws," Cluxton said.

Two victories should secure the Norse, currently 12th in the nation and tied with USI for 2nd in the

GLVC, of at least a No. 2 seed in the Great Lakes Region.

The top six teams in the region advance to the NCAA Division II Tournament, and the top two seeds receive first-round byes.

IPFW (8)
Kirby 8-15 6-8 22, Showalter 1-5 0-0 2, Jackson 2-9 5-6 9, Spicer 0-2 4-6 4, Falcone 1-2 0-0 2, Miller 3-6 2-8, Werling 4-5 0-0 10, Adams 3-9 0-0 7, Beatty 1-5 2-2 4.

NKU (8)
Cluxton 6-15 2-16, Moore 6-15 3-5 16, Clinton 8-13 2-11 18, Minor 5-7 0-0 14, K. Listerman 2-3 5-8 9, Lane 3-4 0-0 8, Perdris 1-1 0-0 3, A. Listerman 3-5 0-0 7, Clark 1-6 0-0 2, James 0-0 0-0 0, Vieth 1-2 2.

Halftime — IPFW 34, NKU 48. Fouled out — NKU (K. Listerman). Rebounds — IPFW 39 (Kirby 8), NKU 42 (Clinton 10). Assists — IPFW 15 (Spicer 5), NKU 20 (Cluxton, Minor, K. Listerman, Lane 4). Total fouls — IPFW 22, NKU 24.

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Norse Women Experiencing Changing Of The Guard

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

Perhaps beginning to realize that their time at Regents Hall is almost up, seniors Regina Webb and Dana Morningstar led the Norse to its fourth straight win on Thursday.

It was a day neither will likely soon forget.

Northern Kentucky University beat the St. Joseph's College Pumas, 71-65, in a game that showed a vision of the passing times, and a glimpse of the future.

Webb and Morningstar started things off for the Norse, scoring 16 of NKU's first 17 points.

Morningstar scored her 1,000th career point with 14:54 remaining in the first half.

She is just the 15th player in NKU women's basketball history to join the 1,000-point club.

The NKU senior leadership, however, had trouble stopping the freshmen-led Pumas.

Freshmen Angela Hupfer and Tamara Bumpers each scored eight first-half points.

That, along with holding the Norse scoreless for over six minutes midway through the first half, helped give the Pumas a 34-31 half-time lead.

Webb, who shot 83 percent in the first half, led all scorers at halftime with 14.

Sophomore Shannon Smith added five first-half points.

The Norse shot 56.5 percent for the half.

Smith kept the Norse close early in the second half by hitting two quick baskets.

With under 15:00 remaining, the Norse took the lead 44-42.

Webb, who scored 13 second-half points, shot five-for-five from the

free-throw line and helped NKU hold onto the lead.

Hupfer and Bumpers each scored 10 in the second half to keep the game close.

NKU freshman Karla Wenzlick scored five in the closing minute.

With only :12 remaining, and her team up 67-65, Wenzlick hit a three-pointer to secure the Norse victory.

Wenzlick shot five-for-eight in the game for 12 points.

She also added two assists, three rebounds, and a steal.

Webb finished the game with 27 points, tying her career high.

Morningstar and sophomore Julie Stanley each pulled down six rebounds and finished with six points.

Smith contributed 11 for the

Norse.

NKU improved its record to 15-9 (12-5 in the GLVC), while the Pumas drop to 11-13, (9-8 in the GLVC).

St. Joseph's (65)
Williams 5-6 1-2 11, Bumpers 6-8 3-6 15, Hupfer 6-12 4-16, Henry 3-6 1-2 9, Fogg 1-9 2-4 5, Harvey 3-4 0-1 6, Key 1-4 1-2 3, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Masters 0-0 0-0 0.

NKU (71)
Stanley 2-5 2-5 6, Webb 9-12 9-11 27, Smith 5-8 1-2 11, Morningstar 5-9 2-4 6, Kelsey 0-3 3-4 3, Wenzlick 5-8 1-2 12, Sunar 0-0 0-0 0, McCarthy 0-0 0-0 0, Penhorwood 0-0 0-0 0, Roddy 1-2 0-0 2, Kantrath 1-2 2-4.

Halftime — St. Joseph's 34, NKU 31. Fouled out — St. Joseph's Williams, Hupfer, NKU Morningstar. Rebounds — St. Joseph's 32 (Hupfer 11), NKU 27 (Stanley, Morningstar 6). Assists — St. Joseph's 12 (Henry 5), NKU 18 (Kelsey 5). Total fouls — St. Joseph's 20, NKU 17.

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RISEING STAR: Freshman Karla Wenzlick hit a three pointer that sealed NKU's win over St. Joseph's on Thursday.

Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team won its fifth straight on Saturday at Regents Hall.

The Norse have won 13 of their last 18 games, and had they not lost five of their first seven, they'd be among the powerhouses in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

NKU, (13-5 GLVC, 16-9 overall), beat the Mastodons of Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne 77-63.

Seniors Dana Morningstar and Ragina Webb, playing for the last time in Regents Hall, combined for 29 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and six steals to lead the Norse.

"Being seniors, we had to go out with a win," Morningstar said.

It was sophomore Julie Stanley that stepped up early, however, when the Norse needed leadership. Stanley scored seven points to give the Norse a 16-12 lead.

At halftime, the score was tied at 32.

"I told them we had to pick up the intensity," head coach Nancy Winstel said.

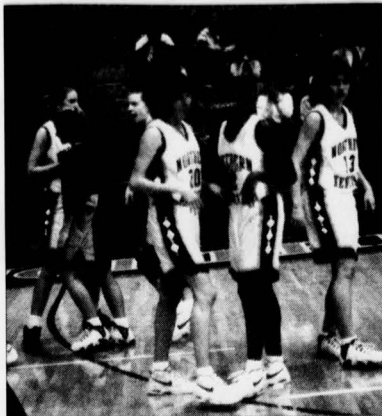
"We were getting good shots in the first half, but we were making some really crummy decisions offensively."

The two teams traded leads until there was about 10 minutes remaining, when NKU went on a 32-18 run to finish the game.

The Norse out-rebounded the Mastodons 44-23 in the game.

Sophomore Shannon Smith and junior Alison McCarthy each added 12.

"Alison had a really nice game inside, and stepped up and played like a junior—which is what we



SAYING GOODBYE: Seniors Regina Webb and Dana Morningstar played in their final game at Regents Hall on Saturday.

Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

need her to do," Winstel said.

Sophomore Katie Kelsey added six points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Though NKU hasn't been mathematically eliminated from the post-season, Winstel has begun to focus her attention on the future.

"We're going to have some very veteran juniors, and a veteran sophomore on our team next year," Winstel said.

"And they're going to come in here hungry," she said.

"I know this year we came up a little bit short, but I know that next year, they'll carry it on and go fur-

ther," Webb said.

IPFW (63)

Sheets 3-11 0-0 6, McMillan 5-6 1-1 12, Hoelling 1-2 2-3 4, Ruggles 2-11 0-0 5, Henry 9-13 3-4 25, Lovelock 0-0 1-2 1, Beauchine 1-2 0-0 3, Roessler 0-0 0-0 0, Lowden 0-0 0-0 0, Gleason 1-6 0-0 3, Herings 1-6 0-1 2, Smith 1-2 1-2.

Stanley 4-8 3-4 11, Webb 6-7 1-2 13, Smith 5-9 2-2 12, Morningstar 4-11 8-9 16, Kelsey 1-7 3-4 6, Paig 0-0 0-0 0, Wenzlick 1-5 2-4 5, Sunar 0-1 0-0 0, McCarthy 5-5 2-2 12, Penhorwood 0-1 0-0 0, Roddy 1-1 0-0 3, Kantrath 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime — IPFW 32, NKU 32. Fouled out — IPFW (Henings). Rebounds — IPFW 23 (Sheets, Ruggles 3), NKU 44 (Kelsey 8). Assists — IPFW 12 (Hoelling), NKU 18 (Kelsey 5). Total fouls — IPFW 24, NKU 15.

NKU Plays Hootie And The Blow Out Fish

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

Fish. That was the key to the game on Thursday night. Fish.

"What does fish have to do with basketball?" you may say.

Fish is basketball.

Basketball is fish.

The only way a fish can survive is by feeding on the ocean's bottom-dwellers.

The only way a good basketball team can survive is by feeding on their conference's bottom-dwellers.

Northern Kentucky University ate up the St. Joseph's College Pumas, (1-15 GLVC, 3-20 overall), at Regents Hall on Thursday, 102-66.

After the game, the Norse said they now have bigger fish to fry.

"We felt pretty well about this game," senior Paul Cluxton said. "We knew we blew them out up there," he said, "and we knew we were going to play real well."

Cluxton scored 28, shot seven-for-seven and hit five first-half three-pointers to lead the Norse past the Pumas.

Seniors LaRon Moore and Shannon Minor contributed 23 and 16 points respectively.

Head coach Ken Shields said that he was happy with the performance of his seniors, but wished more players had gotten involved. "If we can just get a few more soldiers to be there a little bit more, that would be a key," he said.

The Norse quickly took an 8-0 lead, and spent the entire first half

extending it. NKU shot 54 percent for the first half, and at halftime led, 52-34.

Cluxton had 19 points at halftime, and Moore had 10.

The Pumas cut the lead to 16 to begin the second half, but didn't get much closer.

With 8:20 left in the game, Cluxton made two free throws to continue his streak and extend the lead to 82-46.

Sophomore, 6-foot-11 inch center Mike Vieth, who joined the Norse as a walk-on three years ago, has become a crowd favorite at Regents Hall. He scored six in the game, and with 2:12 remaining, put NKU over the century mark. He also had two blocked shots.

Moore, who scored 13 second-

half points, shot nine-for-10 from the free-throw line.

"I've been working with LaRon," said Cluxton. "I told him to keep it simple."

"You try to beat a team as bad as you can in this situation, just to prove a point to the rest of the conference," Minor said.

NKU still trails the University of Indianapolis by one game in the GLVC, and has what Shields called a "monster" game with the University of Southern Indiana on Saturday.

St. Joseph's (66)
Moore 6-13 4-5 18, Pulver 5-7 0-0 10, van Bekum 2-7 0-0 5, Davis 1-2 1-3 4, Strang 1-4 1-2 3, Brounagh 0-1 0-0 0, Huseman 0-0 0-0 0, Metzger 0-2 2-2 2, Taylor 3-5 5-6 11, Young 0-1 0-0 0, Hallenbeck 2-4 1-2 6, Mancuso 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 3-5 1-1 5.

NKU (102)
Cluxton 10-13 3-3 28, Moore 7-13 9-10 23, Clinton 6-10 1-2 13, Minor 5-10 5-5 16, K. Listerman 1-3 2-2 5, Lane 2-5 1-2 5, Perdrix 0-0 0-0 0, A. Listerman 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 2-7 0-1 4, James 0-0 0-0 0, Vieth 4-5 0-1 8.

Halftime — St. Joseph's 34, NKU 52. Fouled out — St. Joseph's (Hiram). Rebounds — St. Joseph's 24 (Taylor 6), NKU 39 (Moore 10). Assists — St. Joseph's 11 (Taylor 4), NKU 16 (Minor 8). Total fouls — St. Joseph's 21, NKU 18.

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HEAD OVER HEELS: Senior LaRon Moore is upended as he tries to score against St. Joseph's

Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

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Researchers in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital Medical Center are currently recruiting healthy men and women between the ages of 18 and 50 to participate in a study. A screening blood test is required. \$10 will be provided at the screening visit. This isolation study involves an eight-night stay that begins on March 21 and ends March 29. Volunteers who qualify for further study participation may be eligible for travel reimbursement and a cash stipend.

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1997 NKU Softball Preview

Softball Team Aims For Winning Season

By John Kirtley
Assistant Sports Editor

The 1996 edition of the Northern Kentucky University softball team started 0-6, but finished 16-21 overall, and 8-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Third-year head coach Mary Biernann believes the 1997 version of the Norse could improve on those credentials this season.

"We're real excited about this year. We think we'll be better this year," Biernann said. "We have young people, but they are strong players."

NKU's roster is peppered with four freshmen, accounting for one-third of Biernann's team. The youth movement starts in the infield where the only returning starter is junior third baseman Leah Hanna, who started all 37 games in '96. She batted .314 and was second on the team with 37 hits.

Biernann said the remaining infield positions will be manned by committee beginning with senior Terri Carter, who will see time at first base and second base. Carter, who struggled throughout '96 and ended the season with a team-low .036 batting average, will share sec-

ond base duties with junior Shannon Storm and first base with freshman Melissa Campbell.

Freshman Purcell Marian High School grad Missy Goodman will get most of the playing time at shortstop with Carter backing up.

"We're challenged," Biernann said of her infield.

Junior Regan Larbes, who started six games for the Norse last season, replaces graduated Karen Wiseman at catcher with junior Lori Hayes and Storm backing up. However, Biernann has big things planned for freshman Freedom Rodefer behind the plate.

Right now Regan Larbes is our most experienced catcher and I see her getting a lot of playing time at that spot," Biernann said. "But Rodefer, who was with us last year but is ineligible this season, is our catcher of the future."

As up-in-the-air as NKU's infield is, the outfield is the most experienced piece of the Norse puzzle.

"I believe our outfield is one of our strengths," Biernann said.

Senior Lori Litzelman, who started all 37 games for Biernann a year ago and stole a team-high nine bases, returned with sophomore Stephanie Rowland in the outfield.

Biernann is also counting on counting on junior Lori Hayes and freshman Oak Hills High School grad Holly Trauth in the outfield.

"We have Holly Trauth coming in who's a very, very excellent outfielder and we'll count on her to do a lot of duty out there," Biernann said. "Lori Hayes, who can play outfield or catch, is one of the best two-strike bunters we've got. When we had to have a bunt down last year, she got it done."

Litzelman, named team captain by Biernann, will be looked upon to lead a team with some young players playing key roles throughout the year.

"Litzelman is very mature in many ways and she has a sense for the whole picture of what's happening to the whole team," Biernann said. "She's able to express her ideas and her thoughts very well to me and the team, providing a good line of communication. She's not afraid to speak her mind. If she thinks the team needs a kick, she'll administer it."

Junior pitcher Lisa Cornett led NKU in ERA, wins, complete games, shutouts, innings pitched and strikeouts but will be slowed to start the season due to a

knee operation.

"She had a knee scope, so we don't know how strong she'll be early on," Biernann said. "She feels pretty good right now, but we have to hold back and make sure it's well healed before she starts training. She'll start off slow, but I'm sure she'll be fine."

Campbell will also see time on the mound for the Norse this season.

"I think, this year, we've improved because we've added pitching with Campbell and Cornett is back. That's a real strong one-two punch," Biernann said. Biernann said it is too early to tell where the Norse will fit in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, but a couple of teams strike her as strong ones, including nationally ranked University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

"Parkside will definitely be No. 1. (SIU-) Edwardsville will be very strong. Southern Indiana is always strong. Lewis and Kentucky Wesleyan will be right there, and Indianapolis is a perennial competitor," Biernann said. "I think if we're one of the top five or six teams in the conference, that would be good for us."

Norse Softball Field Has Tire Tracks On It

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Even with the warm weather last week, the Northern Kentucky University softball team was unable to get outside to practice on their field as the baseball team did.

The reason for that is the condition of the softball field.

"Someone has driven a car on our softball field," head coach Mary Biernann said. "There are car tracks two to four inches deep on the softball field and it's solid mud."

"We did get out on Lot G," she said.

"We got out on concrete," senior outfielder Lori Litzelman said. "Dodging the cars and potholes, but we were out there."

The Norse have been forced to move the first Great Lakes Valley Conference cluster at Riverstar Park in Cincinnati on March 23, because the fields are inadequate, Biernann said.

"We have to pay a fee to rent the fields for the weekend," Biernann said.

"Our fields are so inadequate. We don't even have restrooms. We don't have any facilities."

"If our field doesn't get shaped up, we may go there (Riverstar) to start practicing."

"Last season the Norse knocked off Southern Indiana and Indianapolis in the GLVC tournament to finish fourth and Biernann thinks the '97 edition has some strengths to aid in at least duplicating that performance."

"Our defense is going to be a strength and our pitching will be very strong," Biernann said. "We're going to be a very scrappy team, and in a lot of close games, and it's going to come down to who can get the key hits."

1997 NKU Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 24	at Lincoln Men.	1 pm
Feb. 28	at Lindsey Wilson	2 pm
March 1	at Lindsey Wilson(DH)	noon
March 4	Detroit	2:30 pm
March 7	Detroit (DH)	noon
March 8	Allegheny	3 pm
March 9	Allegheny	noon
March 9	Detroit	3 pm
March 12	Pikeville(DH)	1 pm
Mar 16-19	Spring Trip (Fla.)	TBA
March 20	at Knoxville(DH)	noon
March 22	UW-Parkside(DH)	noon
March 23	St. Joseph's(DH)	noon
March 26	at Pikeville(DH)	1 pm
March 28	at Southern Indiana(DH)	1 pm
March 29	at Southern Indiana	noon
April 2	at Bellarmine(DH)	1 pm
April 5	M-St. Louis(DH)	noon
April 6	M-St. Louis	noon
April 9	Lancette Mem.	2 pm
April 12	Lewis(DH)	noon
April 13	Quincy(DH)	noon
April 14	at Xavier	3 pm
April 16	Bellarmine(DH)	1 pm
April 18	Lindsey Wilson(DH)	2 pm
April 19	SIU-Edwardsville(DH)	noon
April 20	SIU-Edwardsville	noon
April 23	Ohio Valley (DH)	1 pm
April 26	at Ky. Wesleyan(DH)	noon
April 27	at Ky. Wesleyan	noon
April 30	Kentucky State(DH)	1 pm
May 3	at IPFW(DH)	noon
May 4	at Indianapolis	noon

1997 NKU Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
March 3	at Bellarmine(DH)	2 pm
March 5	at Midway(DH)	4 pm
March 7	at Monmouth St.(DH)	2 pm
March 11	at Indianapolis(DH)	3 pm
March 13	at Mt. St. Joe's(DH)	3 pm
Mar 16-19	Florida Spring Trip	TBA
Mar 22-23	Lewis (DH)	TBA
March 25	UW-Parkside(DH)	3 pm
March 26	at Thomas More(DH)	3 pm
Mar 28-29	at Quincy	TBA
Quincy (DH)		
SIU-Edwardsville(DH)		
M-St. Louis(DH)		
April 1	Indianapolis	3 pm
April 2	IPFW(DH)	3 pm
Apr 5-6	at Lewis	TBA
St. Joseph's(DH)		
Lewis(DH)		
April 13	UW-Parkside (DH)	
April 8	Thomas More(DH)	3 pm
April 9	Mt. St. Joe's(DH)	3 pm
Apr 12-13	at IPFW	TBA
Bellarmine(DH)		
Ky. Wesleyan(DH)		
Southern Indiana(DH)		
Apr 15	Ohio Dominican(DH)	3:30 pm
Apr 16	Shawnee St.(DH)	4 pm
Apr 18-20	at GLVC Team. (Wisc.) TBA	
Apr 22-23	Ashland(DH)	3:30 pm
Apr 26-27	at SIU-Edwardsville Inv.	9:30 am



Stephanie Rowland
5



Shannon Storm
9



Regan Larbes
13



Megan Wong
18



Missy Goodman
7



Lisa Cornett
10



Holly Trauth
14



Lori Hayes
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Lori Litzelman
8



Terri Carter
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Melissa Campbell
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Leah Hanna
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Hoops Teams Wrap Up Regular Season On The Road

By Jennifer Turnau
Staff Reporter

As the end of winter draws near, so does the end of another Northern Kentucky University men's basketball season. Or does it? The team and coach certainly don't think so.

"We're going to the tournament, and we know it," senior forward Paul Cluxton said.

The team enters its final week against SIU-Edwardsville and Southern Indiana with a 25-3 record. The Norse are currently tied for second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The team has one major goal in mind.

"We need to win this game to win the GLVC, then to go on to regionals—but right now we are looking for the rings," Cluxton said.

By rings, Cluxton is referring to the championship rings that the team would be awarded for winning its conference. Winning the conference would give Cluxton his second ring, after being a part of the 1994-95 team that won the GLVC. Players such as LaRon Moore, who averages over 15 points per game, and Cliff Clinton, with over 13 ppg and eight rebounds per game, could lead the team in accomplishing that goal. This season, the Norse have already conquered one goal by tying the record for most wins in a season, at 25.

Wanting to win the GLVC is motivation enough for the team to play their best against Southern Indiana. "We know we are in a race—that is motivation enough," Cluxton said.

For three seniors, this will be their final regular season game. Moore,

Cluxton, and guard Shannon Minor will be retiring as Norse after this season. For these valuable players, Saturday's game will be an emotional one.

"We need to handle their press, play good defense, and go in knowing the season isn't over yet," Cluxton said.

The Norse beat Southern Indiana earlier in the season, 96-79. One of Southern Indiana's best players, Johnny Moore, is out with an injury, making NKU's chance at another victory even stronger.

Only games against SIUE and USI remain in regular season play. Currently, Indianapolis, the team that beat the Norse twice this year, is in first place in the GLVC. The only other team to defeat the men this year was Kentucky Wesleyan, 75-74 on the road. The NKU vs. Southern Indiana game is at USI at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday.

By Jennifer Turnau
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team will finish the season Saturday at Southern Indiana. The Norse are currently 16-9, with one of those losses coming at the hands of USI earlier in the season.

Head coach Nancy Winstel, as well as the players, know this is an important game.

"We want to finish the season on a good note," Winstel said. "This is a big night, it's our seniors last game, and the game that we will use to build on the future."

Senior Regina Webb is looking forward to finishing the season strong.

"It is very important for us to play well. We need to show the fans that we can play at the level that we

know we can," Webb said.

Winstel and her players know that the game will be a very emotional event, and that will be tough to play through. "Indiana hasn't lost a game at home all year, it will be difficult, but if we play hard, we will fare well," Winstel said.

One of the advantages that the Norse have now that they didn't have at the last meeting with Southern Indiana is Dana Morningstar. She was out with a broken thumb, and will be an asset that was missing before.

"Dana is back, we can't expect her to score 30 points, but she will help. It will definitely help the team to have her back," Winstel said.

Webb believes that the team is motivated to play well because it has to prove to the fans that they are an above average team. "Coach wants us to play with pride...and get motivated one game at a time," Webb said.

Winstel said that when it comes to motivation, it is up to each individual. "There is no one thing that we all do together to get motivated. It is personal motivation before each game that works," Winstel said.

The teams goal now is to stay under double-digit losses. "They (USI) have cruised through the season, we just want to feel good about how we play—and play with emotion," Winstel said.

Winstel also said that if the team plays hard, plays to win, and focuses on emotions, the players will be loose and will play a good game. The Norse face Southern Indiana Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at USI.

Men's GLVC Basketball Standings

Team	Records Total (GLVC)
Indianapolis	23-2 (16-2)
Northern Kentucky	25-3 (15-3)
Southern Indiana	21-4 (14-4)
Kentucky Wesleyan	20-7 (13-5)
Quincy	17-8 (13-5)
Bellarmine	15-10 (8-10)
Lewis	14-11 (7-11)
IPFW	12-13 (6-8)
U-Parkside	12-13 (7-11)
SIU-Edwardsville	10-15 (4-14)
UM-St. Louis	6-19 (3-15)
St. Joseph's	3-22 (1-17)

Women's GLVC Basketball Standings

Team	Records Total (GLVC)
Southern Indiana	24-1 (18-0)
Bellarmine	18-7 (12-3)
SIU-Edwardsville	18-7 (13-5)
Northern Kentucky	16-9 (9-9)
Lewis	16-9 (9-9)
W-Parkside	12-13 (9-9)
Saint Joseph's	11-14 (9-9)
Indianapolis	11-14 (7-11)
IPFW	9-16 (6-12)
Kentucky Wesleyan	9-16 (5-13)
Quincy	8-17 (4-14)
UM-St. Louis	5-20 (2-16)

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Well Known And Up & Coming In Gallery

By Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University is exhibiting the works of two artists in the galleries of the Fine Arts Center.

"Cosmic Stamina," the works of David Mesple from 1981 to 1997, is exhibited in the Main Gallery of the Fine Arts Center.

"Beneath the Surface: Constructed Paintings," the works of Patrice Trauth, is exhibited in the Third Floor Gallery of the Fine Arts Center.

The opening receptions for Mesple and Trauth's exhibits was on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The works will be on display until March 14.

Gallery director David Knight said about 200 people came to the receptions. He said, "It was a fairly decent turnout, despite the snow."

Knight said Mesple is fairly well known nationally, especially on the West Coast.

Mesple's "Cosmic Stamina" is made up of two bodies of work. The first are larger than life drawings on canvas. Knight said it takes Mesple several years to complete one of his drawings, using between 50 and 100 pencils.

Mesple's other body of work is

comprised of collages he makes using color copiers.

Knight said that Mesple recently had an exhibition with the master artist Rembrandt in Sacramento, Calif.

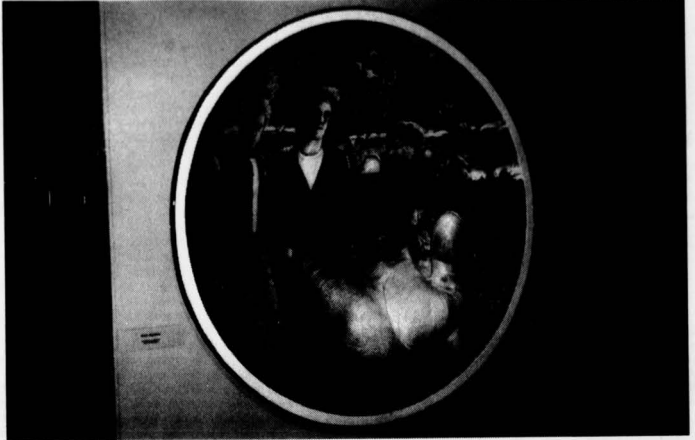
Knight also said Mesple will be returning to NKU to teach classes as a visiting artist on March 10 to 14.

Knight said Trauth is an "up and coming" artist whose work is well known in the Cincinnati area. In addition to "Beneath the Surface" at NKU, she also has works displayed, along with seven other artists, at the Aronoff Center in Cincinnati.

Trauth has had work exhibited at The Carnegie Arts Center in Covington, Ky., and The Machine Shop Gallery and Malton Gallery, both in Cincinnati, Oh. In March 1995, *Antenna Magazine* did an artist profile about Trauth.

Knight said Trauth uses objects she finds in nature to create her paintings. Used in her constructed paintings are found objects such as metal, pieces of wood, sticks, rocks and dirt.

The Main Gallery and Third Floor Gallery are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment. The galleries are closed on major holidays. Admission is free. Contact David Knight at 606-572-5148 for more information.



HOLD MY HAND: David Mesple's painting "Irish Gardens," a part of his show "Cosmic Stamina" is on display in the Main Gallery of the Fine Arts Center. The drawing is graphite on gessoed formed fiberglass.

New Skills, Hobbies And Language Taught

By Michelle Levine
Features Editor

Do you want to learn a new hobby, skill, or language for business or traveling?

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non-credit classes which are offered by Northern Kentucky University for students as well as non-students looking for new learning opportunities.

According to Linda Nesbitt, the coordinator of Community

Education, the program has been a part of the university since the late 1970s.

Nesbitt said the age range is primarily adults who have been out of school for a while.

She said people who take classes

are looking for a hobby, new skill, or a broader sense of knowledge.

Kathy Stewart, who is in University Relations and on the Community Education Advisory Board.

She is the manager of publishing and periodicals. Stewart is responsible for the editing and designing of the publications on campus.

Stewart said, "the brochures for the program is the only way to get the information out about the program."

A variety of classes are offered:

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- *Personal growth

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course.

These classes can last from one night to six weeks and can cost \$10 to a couple hundred dollars.

Nesbitt said the age range is primarily adults who have been out of school for awhile.

One student who has taken classes in the past is a senior citizen.

Pat Markus who is the athletic financial coordinator said she has been in school since 1973. She has an Associate Degree in Office Administration.

In the past she has taken literature classes in the Community Education program.

Markus said she thought the instructors were great. They were knowledgeable.

She said the instructors have a way of teaching that can be understood by any age group.

Markus also thought the students in the class treated her with respect.

Kathleen Dorrill, Assistant Director of Small Business Development Center, teaches computer and accounting for

Community Education.

She teaches an accounting software program called Quicken, which is geared for business owners.

Dorrill said in response to other students she teaches accounting for non-accountants. She said, "this class gives people the actual nuts and bolts of accounting."

She said they are responsive to consumers needs.

When people didn't think they were getting enough information they asked for a change in the program.

Their request was answered with the accounting for non-accountants class.

Dorrill said Quick Books training is not offered anywhere else in the area.

She said the program is very helpful for people.

The classes normally meet at NKU's Covington Campus, but may meet at other facilities depending on the event.

For more information about the program call 572-5583.



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STITCH 'EM UP: Sewing is one of the skills that are taught through the Northern Kentucky University Community Education Program.

Good, Bad And Shimmering Tunes

Justin Lynch
Music Editor

Here's the round up on some other recent releases that graced the music desk this month:

Jeff Woods-Between The Earth And The Stars, Imprint 1997

This newcomer to the young country revolution maintains the

status-quo on his debut. Incidentally that's the best thing he could have done. Meet "Garth the sequel" ***1/2.

Alan Parsons-On Air, River North Records 1997

The producer of Pink Floyd's *Darkside of the Moon* drops the *Project* part of his name and forgets most of the essence of

innovation he instilled on other peoples' records. A middling effort. **

Bruce Cockburn-The Charity of Night, Rykodisc 1996

A mature affair by a mature songwriter, this disc is brimming with shimmering, and haunted tunes; an influence to many a contemporary pop artist. ****



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Walk Through Door For "Literary Awakenings"

By Tara Studer
Staff Reporter

Walk through the glass door at Awakenings Coffee & Tea Co., and the scent of Espresso and tea surrounds you. All of the tables are occupied and the employees are sitting out folding chairs for the stragglers coming in for the 8:00 p.m. poetry reading.

Rhonda Pettit, a part-time faculty member in the literature and language department at Northern Kentucky University, will be reading tonight.

Awakenings and Northern Kentucky University offer monthly poetry readings called "Literary Awakenings."

Pettit, a Northern Kentucky native, was the fourth person invited to read at the "Literary Awakenings."

"I thought I would come to see what it's about. I've never been to one of these before," Bryan Ellis, an undeclared sophomore, said about the reading. "I'm enjoying it."

Pettit read 13 of her poems. She read one about the hardships of puberty saying if there were a collection of poems about it we would have

"either universal understanding or mass suicide."

Another poem read was called "Gentlemen Prefer Boards." It was humorous about why men enjoy wooden boards more than women, and it made sense. You would have

to hear it to understand.

"I came because we get extra credit in my English class. It's different, I've never been to one of these before," Trudy Saunders, a senior mental health and human services major, said.

"The coffee is really good too; I'm having decaf hazelnut."

"I have done only two readings this year," Pettit said. "I try to spend more time writing than reading for obvious reasons."

Pettit received a \$1,000 Kentucky Arts Council Professional Assistance Grant based on a selection of her poetry. The Kentucky Arts Council gives one of these type grants annually to an artist.

"I saw an ad about the grant, and selected some of my poems," Pettit said. "I had to turn in a one page statement about what I would use the money for."

"I was shocked and pleased I got it. 'The Map of My Father's Body' was one of a big long series of poems about my father's death."

"He died when I was 16, and I wrote the poems to help understand that kind of loss."

Awakenings is located in the Buttermilk Crossing strip mall across from the Outback Steakhouse. The next "Literary Awakenings" will be March 13.



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Time For New Era

A new president.

What does that mean for Northern Kentucky University?

Think back to all the innovative (and sometimes incredibly controversial) ideas Interim President Moreland had when he first popped onto campus.

Technology, partnerships committees, Delta and football were just a few of the things Moreland wanted to accomplish and has accomplished (so far) during his seven months at NKU.

He brought four huge issues to the forefront of campus politics and those same four huge issues got the faculty, staff and students talking.

(And boy did the faculty, staff and students do a lot of talking, discussing, writing, yelling, etc.)

Remember, he is just the Interim President and he has accomplished many things that, in the past, had been talked about but nothing had come of it.

(Not naming any names... technology.)

This new president, whoever he or she is, will have a lot to do. Stepping up and replacing 'Corporate Jack' may not be all that easy. Change has never occurred so much on campus as it has with President Moreland.

Football isn't going away so this president will be thrown into a huddle of football-related meetings and fundraisers.

(If Norse football is to succeed, let's hope she/he likes football because if not, it's going to be a long season for those girlfriends.)

NKU's new president should have a grandiose vision of how this university can expand and grow.

(After all, there are acres and acres of green grass that are just waiting to be bulldozed and buildings just waiting to be constructed.)

The prez should be open-minded and have a consistent and honest relationship with the faculty, staff and students. This is a number one priority.

A new science building is on the horizon so there will be many political allies he or she will need cement.

(Fundraising is a top priority, so let's hope he or she likes to mingle with the rich and famous and get NKU the science building we deserve.)

Who and what the president will be can be partially determined by the NKU community. Everyone has a chance to speak to the candidates and get to know them. During the time that each one walks around campus to get to know the environment and the people; stop, introduce yourself and share with that candidate your personal vision of what NKU can become. Let him or her know how much you care about the campus, the people who run the university and the people who go to school here.

Let that candidate know what you don't necessarily like about NKU and offer some possible solutions.

This is the stuff the candidate needs to know.)

Many people said football was pushed through too quickly and without much input from the students and faculty. Here is an opportunity to make a difference on a totally different level.

Questionnaires will be given out during the open 'get to know the candidate' meetings. Find out what they have to offer NKU and let the Board of Regents know what you like and don't like about each one. Tell them who your choice is.

(To date, no names have been shared, but Bob Dole is not a candidate. That has been confirmed.)

This may seem futile, but Robert Zapp, a member of the Board of Regents and spokesperson for the Presidential Search Committee said they will look closely at what the students, faculty and staff have to say about each candidate and make a decision with those remarks in mind.

Even though most of NKU had nothing to do with the selection process, now is the time to help decide who becomes the next president... the president who will lead NKU into the 21st century.

(Hear that one before?)

Don't be reactive and complain about the choice the Board of Regents made on your behalf.

Be proactive and take a stand.



"Sleep On The Couch"



Gabrielle Dion
Executive Editor

"Friends don't let friends drive drunk," the saying goes. I can't tell you that I've never let a friend drive drunk.

What I can tell you is that makes me a bad friend, and that I'm never going to let it happen again.

Finally, after having it smack me in the face, I've learned a valuable lesson.

I was hit by a drunk driver two weeks ago.

I was lucky. If she had hit my car two inches to the left, or if I hadn't reacted quickly enough, I'd be dead. It was nearly a head-on collision. When she got out of the car, she had no idea what she had done.

She mumbled something that sounded like, "I'm sorry." I told her that she didn't know what sorry is, but that she would soon begin to understand. She didn't understand what I meant by that... not many people do.

It's amazing how many people don't understand how serious a DUI charge really is today. It's not like getting a speeding ticket.

The police don't care who you are, how old you are or why you were under the influence. They handcuff you and take you to the station. They don't care how much you cry or how scared you are.

If you refuse to take the breathalyzer and sobriety tests, it's an immediate 1-year suspension of your license. If you take it, and are found to be drunk (that's 1.0 on the breathalyzer), you get your license suspended until your hearing. The least that can happen to you is three days in jail (or treatment facility) and a huge fine (from hundreds to thousands of dollars).

If that doesn't sound bad enough, take a look at it from the human side.

I know someone who got a DUI six years ago. Things were going really well for him. He had just graduated from college, he had a good job, and he was

out on his own for the first time.

He decided to drive home one night instead of sleeping on his friend's couch. He got picked up on a DUI after going the wrong way down a one-way street.

First of all, he had to spend a night in jail. He lost his license, which meant he nearly lost his job. He had to lie to his employer to keep it. He had to go to court several times, and ended up paying \$5,000 in fines. He went into debt. He had to move out of his apartment and back home with his parents. He didn't have insurance anymore, so he couldn't drive the brand new car he had just bought. It didn't matter anyway—he couldn't afford it anymore.

It took him five years to get his life back together. All because he decided to drive home instead of sleeping on a couch.

I've known about this story for a while, and it is the reason I don't drive drunk myself. But now I've got a whole slew of new reasons not to drive drunk and not to let my friends do it. This lady who hit me taught me a lesson about not letting my friends drive drunk either. It was kind of a final smack in the face that made me realize that, hey, this is serious.

Here's some of the things the lady who hit me could be thinking right now about the accident:

•What if I had killed her? (She almost did. And that scares me.)

•What if I had injured her? (She did—emotionally. I'm afraid of driving. Everytime I start out on the road, I get that feeling like before I give a speech... and it doesn't stop until I get to my destination safely.)

•Will she sue me? (You betcha. She can mess up her life by being stupid but she sure isn't going to mess up mine.)

•Should I have stayed where I was and gone to pick up my car in the morning? (Definitely.)

•Is this going to mess up the rest of my life? (Probably.)

That's what I meant when I said she would soon understand what sorry was.

Ask yourself those questions if you don't think you'll affect anyone else by driving drunk.

Do me a favor. Go get your car in the morning—sure it's a hassle, but it's worth it. What's

more of a hassle, sleeping on a couch or messing up your life for five years until the DUI is cleared from your record? Or worse, living the rest of your life (probably in prison) with the guilt of killing someone?

Yes, it's true that you really don't think about the consequences when you're drunk, so tell your friends ahead of time. Say, "Guys, under no circumstances are you going to let me drive tonight." Let your friends take care of you. Let someone come pick you up. Sleep on the

couch. Know that it's worth it. Realize what's going to happen if you don't.

It took that final message of a car heading straight for me to make me understand what a big deal it is. A drunk driver nearly took my life two weeks ago. I don't want it to happen again—to anyone I know. I want to be a good friend from now on.

Remember that the next time you get in a car drunk, or let a friend do it. If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.

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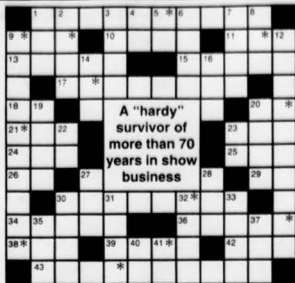
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Divot's TV Challenge



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. Kerry Weaver's portrayal on ER (2)
 9. Fields of The Facts of Life (1979-88)
 10. Mask of New York Undercover
 11. Opposite of pos.
 13. Journalist... Rogers St. Johns
 15. Consumer advocate Ralph
 17. Actor on Mr. Rhodes (2)
 18. Initials for the star of the film Casablanca
 20. Capra's monogram
 21. Answer to the "quid: Get Smart with an Emmy"
 23. Laughing; 1980 Robby Benson movie
 24. Hero alternative, for short
 25. Actress Joanne
 26. Role on Home Improvement
 29. Suffix for hard or silk
 30. Series for George Eads
 34. Thrill
 36. Come together
 38. Head topper, for some
 39. — 222 (1969-74)
 42. — Alibi; 1989 Tom Selleck movie
 43. Role on Early Edition (2)

- DOWN**
1. Cover
 2. Of the U.S.
 3. —'s Four; 1983 Tom Skerritt series
 4. Initials for Oakley
 5. Berlin's monogram
 6. Dog's name in Peter Pan
 7. Means and; —, 1985 William Windom film
 8. — it Now; '52-'55 Edward R. Murrow series

HOROSCOPE

By C.C. Clark - eVData Features Syndicate

February 23 through March 1, 1997

- Aries (March 21 - April 20)**
It's more important than ever to follow through with promises made to loved ones and friends. It is possible to give the slate clean and begin again.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
Stop worrying about things you cannot control. Break down major projects into small, manageable steps. You can do it.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
Study up on the latest developments in technology. There's always a more efficient way to complete difficult tasks.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
A visit to your favorite bookstore could prove fruitful in a variety of ways. A friend has important news for you.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
Life's little trials are getting to you. Things aren't as bad as they seem. Take a break from reality and immerse yourself in a great book or movie.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
Stop looking for the flaws in everything. You are surrounded by beauty; enjoy it. Nurture a friendship you've let go.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Sarcasm will get you nowhere. Get to the kitchen and do some experimenting with unusual food combinations.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
You may find yourself in a jam. Stop and take a look around. Taking the easy way out may not be the best answer in the long run.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
The inner strength you possess will be evident when you face a crisis. Keep your head and do what has to be done.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
Do something out of the norm. Routine is good for day-to-day living, but you also need variety to spice things up.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
An artistic endeavor will take you on a journey into the unknown. Finally, you've found a way to express yourself.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
Join your friends in an impromptu party - or better yet, kidnap a hard-working friend and show him the lighter side of life. Have fun.

Born this week:

- Feb. 23 - Peter Dinklage, Bradley Whitford
Feb. 24 - Barry Bostwick, Edward James Ginn, Paula Zahn
Feb. 25 - George Harrison, Tea Leoni
Feb. 26 - Michael Bolton, Tony Randall
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